

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS : Shimkets and Prayaga

SERIAL NUMBER : 09/494,585

EXAMINER : Christine Saoud

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ART UNIT : 1647

FOR : NOVEL FIBROBLAST GROWTH FACTOR AND NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING SAME

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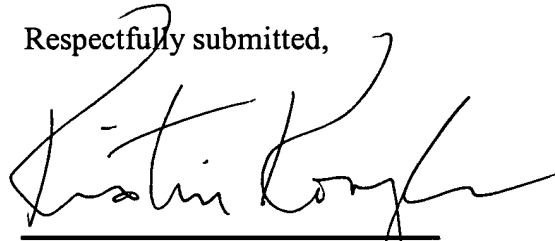
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Final Office Action mailed April 7, 2004 in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before Monday, August 9, 2004, (August 7, 2004 being a Saturday). A check in the amount of \$55.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1), is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-557RCE (Cura 57 RCE). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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